

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Nigel J. Renton, et al.  
Title: SYSTEM & METHOD FOR MANAGING THE EXECUTION OF TRADES  
BETWEEN MARKET MAKERS  
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Examiner: Irene Kang  
Atty. Docket: 03-6171  
Customer No. 63710

**REPLY TO EXAMINER'S PAPER OF OCTOBER 30, 2008**

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Applicant replies to the Restriction Requirement of October 30, 2008 as follows. Kindly amend the application as follows.

**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

As discussed below, the Examiner's paper was issued in contravention of Office regulations, and outside the authority granted by the President to executive branch agencies. The October 2008 paper is therefore void. No time for reply is running, and neither an extension of time nor a petition fee is required.

Nonetheless, if and only if the Technology Center Director signs off that the October 2008 paper was validly issued in spite of the defects noted, Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Examiner's paper of October 30, 2008, to and including March 2, 2009 (Feb. 28 was a Saturday). Only if and when the T.C. Director so signs off, kindly charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3938, Order No. 03-6171.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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